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Kiln father and son plead guilty in shooting death

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

A Kiln father and son both pleaded guilty on Tuesday in the November 2017 shooting death of Philip Whitaker.

Terry Smith entered a plea of guilty to manslaughter and tampering with evidence on Tuesday. His son, Carl Smith, pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact and to tampering with evidence.

County Sheriff's Office investigators arrested the Smiths on Nov. 22, 2017, and charged them both with murder and tampering with evidence.

Authorities said at the time that Whitaker was friends with the Smiths, and that he went to the Smith home on the evening of Nov. 8.

He never returned home. His family later made a missing person's report, and the sheriff's office issued a press release in an attempt to find him and/or his vehicle, a maroon Toyota Sienna minivan.

Two weeks later, Louisiana authorities made a gruesome discovery when a badly-decomposed



Terry Smith



Carl Smith

body was discovered wrapped in a piece of carpet close to the on-ramp of the Michoud exit on I-10.

The body was later identified as Whitaker's, Sheriff Ricky Adam said at the time, and it was determined that he had been shot at least three times with a handgun.

Adam said the his investigators began working with Louisiana officials to generate more clues in the case.

Whitaker's abandoned

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Mississippi Navy Command Forges Ahead, Surpassing Unmanned Systems Milestone



U.S. Navy photo released

Naval Oceanographic Office personnel prepare to launch 10 littoral battlespace sensing gliders from USNS Maury in the Eastern Atlantic Ocean in support of NAVOCEANO's goal to deploy more than 100 gliders globally. These gliders are unmanned underwater vehicles used to collect data that is incorporated into ocean models, ultimately providing underwater forecasts for U.S. Navy operations.

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The Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) made history earlier this year, simultaneously commanding and controlling 50 ocean gliders, more than any other governmental or academic entity, and continues to

raise the bar this summer.

The U.S. Navy's leader in the operation of unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs), NAVOCEANO's oceanographic and engineering departments are on track to exceed their own milestone, achieved in April 2018. Dozens of additional gliders have been launched from a range of

platforms, including the T-AGS class oceanographic survey ships under the command's technical control, in the last few months.

"We are well on our way to having 100 simultaneously deployed gliders. It has taken hard work and dedication

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Alice Moseley Museum, M.A.P. partner to create educational program for children

BY STACEY CATO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A new educational program for the children of Hancock County is aiming to re-purpose a shabby historical space in Old Town with art.

Alice Moseley Folk Art & Antique Museum has been dedicated to increasing understanding of the folk artist Alice Moseley. The foundation is currently housed in the historic Train Depot building. Moseley's son Tim first opened the museum shortly after her death in "The Blue House," the late artist's last residence. It moved and re-opened in March 2013 to the historic Bay St Louis Railroad Depot, across the street from

the Blue House.

The museum is a popular hot spot among tourist and locals alike and now will provide a classroom setting where children can honor Moseley's memory using their artistic talent.

Lonnie Falgout, museum representative, said this week he was excited to approach city leaders about a grant recently discovered by Art Coordinators. Falgout said the \$3,500 grant is being made available through the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Educational Programs and will help cover the cost of any space to rent for the foundation to house the students. He said museum board members recently came to

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The historic L&N Depot building in Bay St. Louis.

MERMAIDS ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The 3rd Annual Mermaids Arts and Crafts Show will be held on the shady grounds of the Historic Train Depot in beautiful Bay Saint Louis, MS on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9, 2018. The Arts and Craft show features handmade goods such as jewelry, ceramics and woodwork from artists from all over the South. Show times are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday. The location provides easy access to downtown shopping, restaurants, campgrounds, hotels and casinos. For more information on the event, email us at info@thekreweofnereids.com or visit www.thekreweofnereids.com. Vendor forms and information are available on the website.

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Waveland Aldermen host public hearing for derelict properties

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Waveland Board of Mayor and Aldermen on Monday hosted a special meeting to discuss the former Day's Frontier Property at 600 Hwy. 90 and 4022 Mediterranean St.

City attorney Rachel Yarborough gave the board a brief history of the board's actions in reference to the property.

In November 2015, the board discussed the property, she said.

On Dec. 5, 2017, at a formal public hearing, the board authorized a full demolition of the property after declaring it a nuisance to public health and safety.

On Dec. 20, 2017, Bill Carrigee spoke to the board on behalf of the property owner, Thi Yen "Ivy" Tang, and requested relief, Yarborough said. Yarborough said that Carrigee told the board that he would present a letter from a structural engi-

neer stating that the building was structurally sound and that the property owner agreed to have a completed building 45 days after Dec. 20.

At a second public hearing on Jan. 17, the board authorized the city's building official Josh Hayes to consider issuing a demolition permit, Yarborough said. No property owner or representative appeared. The board scheduled another hearing for Feb. 6, she added, which was rescheduled for March 6.

At that March 6 hearing, neither the property owner nor representative attended, Yarborough said. The board discussed the "necessity of an engineer's report regarding the pieces of the structure that Mr. Carrigee deemed viable and that the board and building official would need to review that information before the next scheduled public hearing," Yarborough said.

The board scheduled another hearing for April 3, she said.

Yarborough also read aloud an email dated March 15 to Carrigee notifying him of the April 3 hearing.

At the April 3 hearing, Yarborough said, Carrigee told the board that a full set of plans with an engineer's certificate would be submitted to the building official within one week.

At the April 3 hearing, the board approved a motion with an April 13 deadline for demolition - with the red iron standing - with completion and submission of plans stamped by an engineer to the city's building official. If the plans were approved, the deadline for completion of the new structure would be 90 days - with the applicant being able to request addition time from the board at the most in 30-day increments - from the date of the building official's approval of plans. If plans were not approved, the Dec. 5 order would stand. The motion also stated that the applicant will have no right to appeal the city of

Waveland's denial for an extension request.

On April 18, Yarborough said that Hayes gave an update on the property's status and said that none of the board's conditions had been met by the deadline. No building permit had been issued or engineer-certified plans submitted, she said.

At the June 20 meeting, Yarborough said the owner was still not in compliance with the conditions set at the April 3 hearing.

"It was told to Mayor Smith that Bill, Jr. would be handling Day's Frontier from now on and that he would come up with a set of plans," she said.

At the July 3 meeting, the board received another update from Hayes and still no compliance.

At that meeting, Hayes told the board that the red iron is "deteriorated beyond repair," has "rotten bolts," and "all the structural support pieces are completed

rotted."

Hayes said Monday that since July 3, he has had contact with the owner, who said she would bring plans and "that she thought Bill had submitted these things."

Hayes said the plans were not stamped by an engineer, the owner has not obtained a building permit, and the demolition is not complete.

Hayes said there is still debris on the property and it is still overgrown.

"The main supporting beams fold in the middle and are deteriorated beyond repair, in my opinion," Hayes said.

Hayes told the board he has not received any plans stamped by an engineer regarding this property.

Hayes said that, in his opinion, the Dec. 5 order should be executed on this property.

The owner was present at Monday's meeting, but pointed at

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Peacock found on Felicity Street in Bay St. Louis

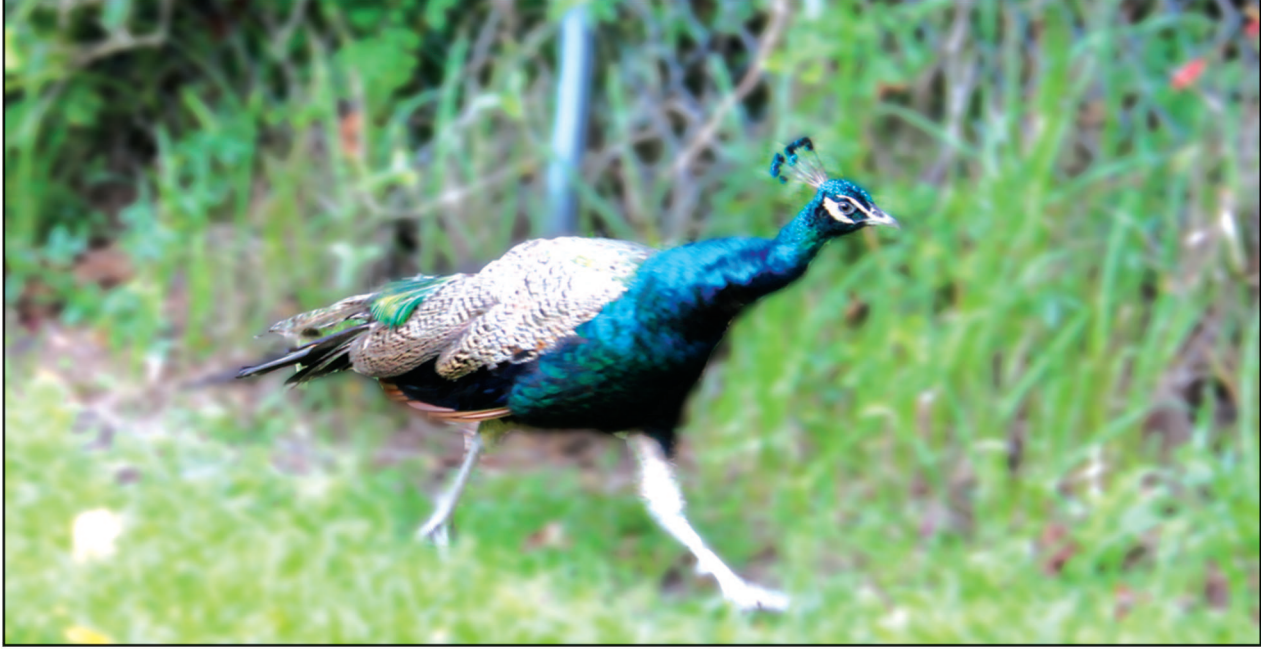


Photo by Cassandra Favre

Over the weekend, this peacock appeared at the home of Susan and Rickey Simonson on Felicity Street. The Simonsons are seeking the peacock's owners. If anyone has any information, contact Cassandra Favre at the Sea Coast Echo at 228-467-5473.

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from the past week. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

STAFF REPORT

Mary S. Lang, 27, no insurance; improper use of out-of-state tag or tag from another vehicle
Blake E. Scheel, 26, resisting/obstructing arrest; probation violation; hold for other agency
Kayleen G. Harrell, 27, contempt of court -- failure to appear
Eugene J. Davis, 34, contempt of court -- failure to appear x 2; simple assault -- domestic violence; parole violation
Rebecca L. Davis, 29, contempt of court -- failure

to appear
Robert L. Wilkinson, Jr., 43, contempt of court - failure to appear x 3; contempt of court -- failure to make restitution
Donald J. Mauffray, 38, eluding law officer; reckless driving; controlled substance -- to sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, distribute, etc. x 4; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence; parole violation
Spencer R. Powell, 24, disorderly conduct -- failure to comply with command of law enforcement; resisting/obstructing arrest; drunkenness/profanity in public place; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; parole violation
Gretchen N. Alexander, 22, probation violation
Donovan J. Ladner, 43, credit card -- fraudulent use w/internet to obtain money, etc. x 2
Michelle L. Ladner, 46, contempt of court -- failure

to appear x 4; credit card -- fraudulent use w/internet to obtain money, etc. x 2
Barry J. Rando, 37, contempt of court -- failure to appear
Daniel L. Brister, Jr., 35, contempt of court -- failure to appear; hold for other agency
April L. Perez, 35, hold for MDOC
Brandon M. Hebert, 27, aggravated assault -- domestic violence
Kyle W. Garcia, 34, contempt of court -- failure to appear
Trent K. Necaise, 45, distillery (still) -- unlawful ownership
Berlon K. Necaise, 68, distillery (still) -- unlawful ownership
Justin G. Fontenot, 19, felony possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams); hold for other agency; contempt of court - failure to appear; burglary -- commercial buildings, carts, etc. x 4; grand larceny -- vehicle of another

Jennifer D. Joyce, 51, contempt of court -- failure to appear
Ashley M. Kimmel, 26, simple assault -- domestic violence; contempt of court -- failure to appear
Justice H. Biven, 26, simple assault -- domestic violence
Malick C. Lewis, 21, hold for other agency
Blake M. Lincoln, 22, probation violation
Dominique D. Glasper, 20, hold for MDOC
Derrick Craft, 28, hold for MDOC
Marvin J. Brouillete, 55, DUI first; driving with suspended or revoked license; no insurance
Robert K. Patrick, Jr., 34, DUI other substance; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating motor vehicle; no drivers license; no insurance
Clay D. Ledkine, 54, DUI first
William A. Bennett, 49, DUI first
Eric T. Watts, 21, shoplifting

Noel J. Harper, 31, speeding; no insurance; DUI -- refusal or inability to submit to chemical test
Keyon M. Nicholson, 24, shoplifting; contempt of court -- failure to appear
Raymond J. Lightell, Jr., 51, speeding; DUI first; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating motor vehicle
Susan L. Lightell, 47, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
William V. Belcher, 19, simple assault
Otis Jones, 54, contempt of court -- failure to appear x 2; driving with suspended license
Dennis S. Markek, 19, DUI first
Christian D. Mallard, 26, simple assault -- domestic violence
Ryan C. Roberts, 24, contempt of court -- failure to appear x 2
Ashley Mitchell, 27, trespassing
Christopher A. Plitt, Sr., 46, trespassing
Christina I. Casteel, 37,

simple assault -- domestic violence; violating order of court, contempt, punishment; disturbance of family
David G. Slocum, 42, shoplifting
Jeffrey M. Mathis, 54, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Chad E. Dunaway, 41, DUI other substance; reckless driving; driving while license cancelled; motor vehicle -- designation of stop intersections x 4; eluding law officer; failure to comply with command of law enforcement officer; resisting/obstructing arrest; receiving stolen property; no insurance; failure to sign
Austin M. Lafontaine, 22, contempt of court -- failure to appear x 2
David J. Skinner, 22, embezzlement by agent/officer/trustee of company
Clarence D. Cuevas, 54, burglary -- inhabited dwelling house; contempt of court -- failure to appear

New GM for Diamondhead Country Club and POA

SEA COAST ECHO

Bob Marthouse, President of the Diamondhead Country Club & Property Owners Association announced that after a long search, Diamondhead resident Tom Koger has been hired as the POA General Manager.

Tom enjoyed a successful career at Boeing as a Senior Vice President. As a small business owner, he developed a nationally recognized aerospace industry cluster, including supercomputer flood modeling for the insurance industry and unmanned aerial systems development. In recognition of the valuable insights Tom offers to governmental entities, Governor Phil Bryant recently appointed him

as a commissioner at the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

Tom's leadership experience, entrepreneurial spirit, and proven business development skills give him the knowledge and managerial background that equip him to lead and direct the POA.

BWSD adopts FY 2019 budget

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Bay-Waveland School District Board of Trustees approved the \$24.1 million FY 2019 budget.

BWSD Business Administrator Jon McCraw told the board at its July 12 budget hearing that there are about 262 district personnel positions: 174 instructional; 20 clerical; 11 administrators; 21 cafeteria employees; 28 maintenance/technology; and eight other positions. Those eight include McCraw, the maintenance director, the food service director and the five

members of the board of trustees, he added.

According to the FY 2019 budget, the district's projected revenue is about \$21.4 million and projected expenses are about \$24.1 million.

McCraw said there are three sources for the district's revenue: Local (anticipate about \$9.3 million), state (anticipate about \$9 million) and federal (anticipate about \$3.3 million).

The district plans to request mills be levied in the following amounts for FY 2019: District maintenance, \$8.3 million and three mill note, \$300,000, McCraw said.

Prior to voting on the budget, Trustee Mike Bell asked McCraw how the district paid for the hire of five new reading assistants at Waveland Elementary.

McCraw said there were some "carry over" funds from FY 2018's Title I funds.

"What would be the reoccurring effect for those positions, for instance, if we don't have carry over money?" Bell asked.

McCraw said it could become an issue if there is no rollover for the

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Hearing

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Waveland resident Bryan Therolf to the board on her behalf.

Therolf said that Yang has been represented by Carrigee, who has "more than dropped the ball in representing Ms. Ivy."

"She's paid, he's promised her things that he has not lived up to," he said.

Therolf said Carrigee told Yang that he would be present at Monday's meeting, but hours before told her he wouldn't be able to make it.

"Ms. Ivy is the property owner and Ms. Ivy has been a small business owner in Waveland for 11 years," Therolf said.

Therolf said that Yang purchased the property to "improve her business."

Therolf said that the pictures depicting corrosion are "non-structural members."

"Yes, that should have come down prior to now, but that isn't the structural core that Ms. Ivy wants to use in her new construction," he said. "A local engineer has been involved and yes, he's not stamped the plans yet, and he represented to the owner that he will stamp them."

Therolf said he believes the city needs to work with Yang and that she intends to find someone who can complete the project correctly.

Alderman Bobby Richardson said the board did let the matter "go on too long," but that he would still like to see

something built on the property.

Waveland Mayor Mike Smith said the board wants to see two businesses there.

Therolf said he doesn't dispute that the property needs to be cleaned up.

"What we have is a parcel that has been declared a nuisance and unsafe for the community since Dec. 5, 2017," Yarborough said. "And we've given opportunity after opportunity for an engineer's report to verify her position that the red iron is structurally sound. A commitment to improvement or at least to address the immediate issues, I think, is required to keep the city safe from liability, because we've already declared it unsafe and that it's a hazard. And we don't have any evidence otherwise from someone who has a particular knowledge about red iron, besides the building official. To leave a liability out there without a timeline is concerning to me."

Alderman Jeremy Burke said he still feels that the remaining structure needs to come down and made a motion to obtain quotes for demolition. The motion died for lack of a second.

The board unanimously approved a motion to allow the owner until the next meeting, which is scheduled for Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m., to obtain a certified letter from an engineer speaking to the red iron's stability, clean up the property and remove the unsafe steel and present a plan. The motion also included that the board will reserve all rights that the Dec. 5 order from 2017 will still stand given the action of the board and the results of

a letter from an engineer.

In a separate matter, the board spoke with the new owner of 4022 Mediterranean Street, Calvin Demond.

Demond purchased the property from Green Spring Properties, LLC on July 26 and plans to revitalize it and turn it into a rental property.

Yarborough said there's been complaints about the property not being in compliance with city ordinances and property maintenance. She also added that the "sewer runs into the woods and has got to be fixed immediately."

In May, neighboring property owner Alfred "Tiger" Harris approached the board about the squatter situation. Harris told the board he has witnessed the squatter "running around naked" and been threatened with a shovel and machete.

At that meeting, Waveland Police Officer Philip Pavolini told the board and Harris that the property owners would need to file a report with the police department before officers could take action.

Pavolini said Monday that the department was ready to take Damond's information that evening in order to properly address the situation should the squatter return.

The board approved a motion to allow Damond to continue cleaning up the property and obtaining permits to do so.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

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The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) in coordination with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations is hosting open house public meetings to allow citizens to review and comment on its Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Meetings that are identical in content are being held in several parts of the state, including the following upcoming meeting in your area:

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During the come-and-go type meetings, individuals will be able to review the draft document at their leisure and then speak directly with an MDOT representative to leave a verbal or written comment. Your comments, thoughts and suggestions concerning specific transportation needs will be recorded and evaluated as part of the state planning process. No formal presentations will be made. More scheduled public meetings can be found on each of the MPOs' websites.

The STIP is also available for review and comment on the internet at www.gomdot.com. Free access to the internet is available at all public libraries. The STIP is also available at the following locations: MDOT District Offices located in Tupelo, Batesville, Yazoo City, Newton, Hattiesburg and McComb; Mississippi's Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and the MDOT Planning Division located in Jackson.

For help in locating a copy of the draft, please contact MDOT by calling (601)359-7685 or emailing lkillebrew@mdot.ms.gov.

Any individual needing auxiliary aids or special accommodations to attend the public meetings should advise MDOT no later than five days prior to the meeting date.

Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy

Now that you have read an almost unreadable title, pause a while and peer into the scary, melancholy, depressing world of people engaged in mortal combat with a foe that only now is becoming widely known, recognized and challenged.

The Concussion Legacy Foundation gives an exhaustive summary and analysis of CTE, a degenerative brain disease found in athletes, military veterans and others with a history of repetitive brain trauma. The culprit is a protein called Tau that forms clumps that slowly spread throughout the brain, killing brain cells.

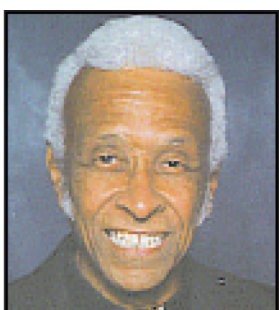
It is quite curious that this description of CTE does not mention first the sport of boxing, especially prizefighting, that is the deadliest form of boxing. The original name of this degenerative brain disease was dementia pugilistica (boxer's dementia), more commonly known as punch-drunk syndrome. As you surmised, this was the first sport diagnosed as causing CTE; hence, the name boxer's dementia.

Dr. Harrison Martland first revealed CTE in 1928, describing a group of boxers as suffering from "punch-drunk syndrome." Over the next 75 years, several researchers reported similar findings in boxers and other victims of brain trauma, with fewer than 50 cases confirmed. In 2005, Pathologist Bennet Omalu published the first evidence of CTE in former NFL Pittsburgh Steeler Mike Webster. Shortly after that revelation, the Concussion Legacy Foundation partnered with Boston University and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to form the VA-BU-CLF Brain Bank, led by Dr. Ann McKee. The Brain Bank has revolutionized how we understand the disease, finding CTE in over 300 of the more than 500 brains donated.

Though some 17-year-olds have suffered CTE symptoms, they usually do not begin appearing until years after the onset of head impacts. Early symptoms more usually appear in one's late 20s or 30s, affecting mood and behavior. Some common changes are impulse control problems, aggression, depression and paranoia.

As CTE progresses, the afflicted may experience thinking and memory problems, including memory loss, confusion, impaired judgment and eventually progressive dementia. Usually appearing in one's 40s or 50s, problems of knowing tend to appear later than mood or behavioral problems. An afflicted person may suffer from one or both groups of said problems/symptoms. In some cases, symptoms worsen with time, even without additional head impacts. In other cases, symptoms may be stable for years before worsening.

The best available evidence shows that CTE is caused by repetitive hits to the head sustained over a period of years. This means many more times than occasional concussions. Most people diagnosed with CTE suffered hundreds or thousands of head impacts over the course of



**REFLECTIONS
ON LIFE**
by **Fr. Jerome
Ledoux, SVD**

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City of Waveland Update

We are happy to present this "State of the City" update to you the citizens of Waveland. I would first like to say that 2018 has started with much momentum and has been a very prosperous year thus far, I am even more excited to report that the future outlook looks even brighter. Here are a few of the highlights:

Private Investment

Affordable residential lots are available and new homes are springing up throughout the city. We currently have 24 single family residential homes under construction and we have had over 115 constructed since 2014.

Welcome Arby's! We are very excited that through negotiations between the owners of the local franchise and the City that Arby's has chosen to come to our wonderful city. We are equally



Guest Opinion

by **Mike Smith**
Mayor of Waveland

excited to announce that they are locating in the old Hardee's building that closed last year. Plans have been submitted and approved by the Building Department and the permit has been issued. We can't wait for it to open!!

The old Coast Inn and Suites at the intersection of Hwy 90 and Hwy 603

has been purchased and the developer is planning an exciting new project. He is currently looking at options to completely remodel the hotel and to repurpose the area currently housing the waterpark.

Recently the City went out for bid to lease the vacant spaces of the Waveland Business Center. We were very fortunate that the lease was awarded to Studio Inferno out of Metairie and thus far they have been a great partner to the City. The business is now open and thriving on Coleman Avenue and we believe that this is a major step to promotion and redevelopment of our Downtown. Owners, Mitchell and Erica are an asset to our community and bring a unique type of art and culture to our charming little city.

Public Investment

A small comfort station is planned, bids have been accepted and con-

struction will soon begin at the Elwood Bourgeois Park. This facility will be handicapped accessible and will service the park, basketball court, tennis court and the newly installed splash pad. Cost were reduced on this project by utilizing some excess materials that the city had from previous projects.

The City has recently been awarded a grant from the Mississippi Development Authority to construct a new community center in the Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The 100% grant funded community center will replace and update a number of existing dilapidated structures currently in the park and is planned to be roughly 1200 sq. feet. The centers amenities will include a kitchen, concession area both

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Spanish Moss

Despite the root of its name, Spanish moss is not biologically related to either mosses or lichens. It is an epiphyte—a plant that lives upon other plants, absorbing nutrients and water from the air and rainfall. The pineapple is in this same family. It is not a biological parasite—as is mistletoe, which actually burrows into the tree and sucks out nutrients. Spanish moss uses the tree's structure to gather sunlight that would otherwise fall on the host tree's leaves.

Nicknamed "graybeard," Spanish moss has grayish-green leaves which can measure up to 2 inches in length and are covered with silvery-gray scales. Spanish moss is a fibrous perennial herb. It hangs from trees in long, thick masses that reach up to 20 feet in length. Lightly fragrant and formed in the axils of the leaves, the



Conservation Corner

by **James L.**

Cummins

Wildlife Mississippi

flowers of Spanish moss are tiny, inconspicuous blooms of pale greenish-blue that blossom in late spring/early summer. The seeds of Spanish moss develop in tiny capsules after the appearance of the flowers and these capsules eventually split open to release the seeds for fertil-

ization.

Spanish moss ranges from Texas east to Florida, north to Virginia along the Coastal Plain and south to Argentina. Though it grows well in partial shade, it prefers moist environments, flourishing when near bodies of water. Most commonly adopting oak and cypress trees, Spanish moss is found on other species too.

At one time, tons of Spanish moss were harvested and used in the United States alone. Sometimes bought for use in arts and crafts and beddings for flower gardens, Spanish moss has also been researched for use in medicines to treat type 2 diabetes, heart disease, hemorrhoids, and edema.

Though commonly thought to be a habitat for chiggers, it only collects these mites after it has touched the ground. Along with chiggers, Spanish moss is also known to

shelter other creatures such as lizards, frogs, rat snakes, and three species of bats. Birds, such as chickadees and the prothonotary warblers, use the moss to construct or conceal their nests while the Parula warbler actually makes its nest in the hanging clumps. Other animals also use Spanish moss for nest bedding, including mockingbirds, egrets, squirrels, and owls.

A collection of Spanish moss taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture from May 1985 to May 1986 at Leroy Percy State Park in Washington County, Mississippi, netted 600 spiders which were represented by 13 families, 22 genera, and 29 species. Other insect counts from this study included 600 beetles, 500 chalcidoid wasps, and 300 miscellaneous species. Therefore, it is a good idea to inspect the moss before taking any home.

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many years of playing contact sports or serving in the military. Yet, concussions are not the biggest factor. All the credible evidence shows that the biggest factor is numerous sub-concussive impacts or hits to the head short of full-blown concussions. This aspect of CTE is like a stealth bomber.

Which is even more alarming to the NFL and professional hockey and soccer teams, for it shows that, even if violence is toned down in the various leagues, there remains a real threat for the development of CTE in

the players. Findings on head impacts: through tackle football (200+ cases confirmed at the VA-BU-CLF Brain Bank), the military (25+ cases), hockey (20+ cases), boxing (15+ cases, 50+ globally), rugby (5+ cases), soccer (5+ cases, 10+ globally), pro wrestling (5+ cases).

To the surprise of many, CTE is suffered by professional players also in soccer, rugby, hockey and wrestling. No matter what the sport is, head impacts and hard body collisions are the critical factors in causing CTE.

With such overwhelming evidence and narratives, some parents have become very apprehensive about having their sons play in the NFL in particular, in spite of the fatal attraction of ready money. Some collegiate football stars are opting out of pursu-

ing a pro career, even eschewing lucrative offers by professional teams. Their thinking is that no monetary offer can be worth the gamble on being afflicted by CTE. Even some high school stars are opting out of playing collegiately. The coveted multi-million-dollar paydays cannot restore a player's lost health of life and limb.

Since CTE can be verified only through post-mortem examination, doctors are left with treating symptoms like mood changes, headaches and memory problems.

Cognitive behavioral therapists can help with mood changes. There are treatment options for headaches, and there are memory training exercises and strategies.

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indoor and outdoor restrooms. The center will be available for weddings, birthday parties and community events. The procurement of professional services and a grant administrator is currently underway.

The Waveland Ave Sidewalk Project was approved for funding in 2015 and is awaiting final approval to bid from the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The project will consist of new drainage and 5' sidewalks on both the east and west sides of Waveland Avenue. The project will connect Highway 90 to the railroad tracks and will improve pedestrian safety and assist with children getting on and off their school busses.

The Nicholson Avenue widening and pedestrian project is currently under design and scheduled to begin at the end of 2018. This project will create a bike and pedestrian path to increase safety and will begin at Jeff Davis Avenue and terminate at Highway 90. This project will also include a complete overlay of Nicholson Avenue, improve some minor drainage issues and is 80% grant funded through MDOT and the Gulf Regional Planning Commission.

The Citywide Sewer repair and replacement project will be underway by mid-August. The bids have been accepted and we are currently in the process of scheduling preconstruction meetings. We understand that some of you will be inconvenienced but please be patient during construction and contact City Hall if you have any issues. The project will include Meadow Lane, Herlihy Street, Edna, portions of Gladstone and Arnold and other sporadic areas within the city.

Waveland Architects, Ed and Nora Wikoff have recently completed some conceptual renderings of the Coleman Avenue District. These conceptual drawings are part of the Waveland Redevelopment

Plan and are one small piece of a plan that consists of tax incentives, public spaces, an elevated boardwalk and other public improvements. The proposed plan will assist in the redevelopment of Coleman Avenue. It will allow a creative way for local and new business's to relocate back downtown and will assist potential businesses with accessibility issues and in overcoming the challenges of the drastic flood elevations imposed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Once all of the architectural drawings and plan details are completed, public meetings will be conducted for your review and comment.

Our much anticipated Waveland Lighthouse and Bathroom facility has broken ground, is currently under construction and should be completed by the fall of 2018. The lighthouse project will be a catalyst for Coleman Avenue and the surrounding areas, it will consist of a public restroom facility, a covered pavilion for festivals and events and an outdoor classroom. The cost of construction this project is \$1.9 million dollars and is being funded through restricted sand beach enhancement monies from three major sources including: Tidelands Appropriations from water bottom leases, Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funds and Seawall and Sand Beach funds. Because of the ongoing partnership between the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the City of Waveland no direct general fund monies will be used for construction. I would like to give a huge THANK YOU, to our Hancock County Board of Supervisors for all of their assistance.

The long awaited and much needed beach side parking will soon be a reality. The Hancock County Board of Supervisors will soon be going out for one 10 space parking bay on the waterside along Beach Boulevard. The one in Waveland will be located adjacent to Laffite drive and the volleyball courts. The construction will include pagodas and allow handicapped parking and accessi-

bility along the pedestrian walking path. This project is being funded solely through Seawall and Sand Beach funds and again I would like to express my appreciation to our Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Waveland Beautification Program

In 2015 the position of Litter Control Officer was implemented. This program continues to grow focusing on litter control and beautification efforts. This program utilizes inmates who can work off fines as community service. You see them along highways and streets cleaning our city. Our current Litter Control Officer, George Coatney, has been successful in working with the grass cutting employees to develop a schedule to pick up litter before the grass is cut in an area. This has brought about work efficiencies. This far reaching program addresses litter control, tire removals, and cleaning dump sites. Mr. Coatney is also a member of the Keep Waveland Beautiful volunteer committee.

Waveland has been fortunate to have an active Keep Waveland Beautiful (KWB) Committee for many years. This group is comprised of mainly volunteers working alongside city employees. Highlighting some of the projects: maintaining trees along Hwy 90, cleaning up Coleman Ave., participating in Great America Cleanup, Coastal Cleanup and Waveland's Trunk-R-Treat night. They also have hosted Meet and Greets, community awareness programs and the "Paint the barrels for trash cans" program with local schools.

The two major KWB 2018 campaigns, spearheaded by Jim Meggett, are:

Planting palm trees along our Beach! The plan is to have palm trees on the beach across from all streets intersecting Beach Blvd. The first three palms are across from Market.

Planting Live oaks and crepe myrtles in various sites throughout the city such as Hwy 90 and the new Town Greene on Coleman.

An impressive fact is

there are approximately 117 miles of streets in Waveland, and the KWB Block Captain program sees at least 30 miles of city and beach cleaned every week by these volunteers.

Our Blighted property program continues to be successful. Blighted homes and businesses are being demolished following MS state rules and regulations. Through state auctions we have been able to decrease the number of state owned abandoned parcels from 160 to less than 100.

Our Public Works Department is working diligently to keep the grass under control, the ditches clean and the citywide culvert cleanout program on track. This process along with other proactive steps including the addition of 12 fulltime employees to our Public Works Department since 2014, will help alleviate the flooding and improve drainage in your neighborhoods.

The new Golf Cart Legislation has passed and went into effect July 1st. We are working diligently with the City of Bay St. Louis to create an ordinance that will work for everyone, so that people that utilize golf carts can cross city lines and be compliant with the law.

Mississippi State Extension Service and the Pass Christian Public Library offer Excel 101

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The Pass Christian Library is pleased to announce that Andy Collins from MSU Extension will be teaching an Excel 101 class here at the Pass Christian Library on Tuesday, August 7th from 10am-12pm. Microsoft Excel is an extremely popular spreadsheet program. This course will help you learn how to create simple spreadsheets to make your basic calculations and data sorting easier.

The class is free and open to the public! Class size is limited (due to the number of computers available). Please preregister to be assured a spot. The library is located at 111 Hiern Avenue in Pass Christian. For further information, please call the Pass Christian Public Library at 228-452-4596 or email at passchristianlibrary@gmail.com.

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Obituaries

CATHERINE ACKER DONNIE GOMILLION

CATHERINE ACKER

Funeral service will be held Sat. Aug. 4, 2018 at 11 am in New Hope Baptist Church, Pearlinton, Ms., for Catherine "Noochie" Acker age 67 of Waveland, MS., who died, Sat. July 28, 2018 in Gulfport, MS., Rev. Robert Preston will officiate at the service. Burial will be in New Hope Church Cemetery under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home. She was a native of Pearlinton, MS., she was retired from Hancock County Development Center. A member of New Hope Baptist Church. Survivors include 1 daughter Bliss Acker of Diamondhead, Ms., 1 grandson Zayonte Acker of Diamondhead, MS., 4 sisters Philomena Reed of Newport News, VA., Andrelle Nicholson, of Hattiesburg, MS.,

Dinah Nicholson and Debra Fulton of Pearlinton, MS., 3 brothers Walter Acker, Clarence Acker both of Pearlinton, Ms., Leroy Acker of Wiggins MS., preceded in death by husband Celestine Jurett, parents Albert and Corine Acker, 1 sister Jacqueline Acker Bradly. Visitation will be Sat. Aug. 4, 2018 from 10 am until 11am in New Hope Baptist Church under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home.



DONNIE GOMILLION

Donnie Gomillion 52, of Kiln, MS passed away Thursday, July 26, 2018.

I'm Free
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard Him call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. Ah yes, these thing I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, A loved ones touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share



with me. God wanted me now, he set me free.
Donnie was preceded in death by his wife, Tammy Gomillion and father, Yuba Gomillion, Sr.
He is survived by his three sons, Donnie Gomillion of Pearlinton, MS, Braden Gomillion and Kaden Gomillion both of Kiln, MS; 2 daughters , Paige Pham (Phi Pham) of Pearlinton, MS; Kristian Hoda (Clay Necaise) of Picayune, MS; mother, Linda Ann Gomillion of Kiln, MS; two sisters, Amie Mauffray (Darrin) of Kiln, MS and Nichole Waldo (Jason) of Calhoun City, MS; two grandchildren, Amilyah Gomillion

and Adelyn Necaise; niece, Megan Pavolini (Chris Ramon); nephew, Christopher Emmons; great nephew, Rylan Emmons and extended family, Dallas and Michelle Fowler, their children Drake and Britney Cuevas along with an additional host of family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, August 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Donnie will be brought from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home on his bike for his last ride with a stop at the Broke Spoke in the Kiln for one last beer. Anyone is welcome to make the final ride on bike or vehicle to follow and help bring him to his family home at 6580 Dummyline Rd. All friends and family are welcome to come celebrate his life. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.



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It's incredibly easy to see why people love Bay St. Louis and our surrounding communities. With an abundance of sunshine, fresh local seafood, an array of sporting activities, and bustling shopping districts, the opportunities for endless fun have lured visitors to our sandy shores for many years.
The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau works diligently to ensure that newcomers and locals alike enjoy the best of our area. The Hancock County Visitor Center inside the L&N Train Depot provides a wealth of free information to thousands of tourists each year. Our visitor registry has logged guests from the 48 contiguous states and 16 foreign countries. In just four short years the number of visitors to our community has jumped nearly 25 percent.

The resulting revenue stream from all these travelers is impressive. According to state statistics, over \$194 million was spent last year in Hancock County alone. Equally important are the jobs generated through tourism. Nearly 2,500 people are employed directly in our local hospitality industry, and indirectly through the marketing and promotion efforts provided by Hancock Tourism for the numerous festivals and events here.
The future looks bright for our area, and not just from the abundant sunshine. Visitation is projected to be at least 10 percent over last year's numbers, and new businesses and building projects are in the works. Hancock Tourism is committed to getting the word out about our beautiful communities. Our message to everyone is loud and clear...Come Play on the Bay!

Budget

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next year.

At the July 12 meeting, BWSO Superintendent Sandra Reed also told the board that a music teacher resigned at Waveland Elementary and that salary was split into two reading assistants at North Bay Elementary.
Bell referenced a state-

ment Reed made at the July 12 meeting, "that we need to teach them how to read before we teach them how to sing."
Bell said the district has gone to "great efforts" to have fine arts curriculum in the district.
"While I do understand the importance of reading, I think a well-rounded education is what we should be focused on," Bell said.
McCraw said that there is an art teacher at every school, a dance teacher at the high school, and band

at the middle and high schools.
"We just had the opportunity to split that position (Waveland Elementary music teacher) into two reading assistant positions," Reed said.
Reed also added that, in her mind, an "academic emergency" exists at Waveland Elementary and additional instructional measures were needed.
The motion to adopt the budget passed unanimously.

Adam said the Smiths admitted Whitaker had gone to their home on Nov. 8., and that he was killed there, but that it was in "self-defense."
"They claimed that he had gotten into an argument and that Terry Smith had shot him," Adam said.
Each man received a 22-year sentence in the case Tuesday, court records show.

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vehicle was later located in the parking lot of a business in Poplarville.

Navy

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from all involved as we find new ways to implement automation and gain efficiency," says Pass Christian's Bryan Mensi, NAVOCEANO glider operations branch head.
The Littoral Battlespace Sensing (LBS) gliders employed by NAVOCEANO are UUVs used to collect environmental data such as temperature, salinity (salt content), water clarity and depth. Once launched from a T-AGS ship or vessel of opportunity, the UUVs are directed to predetermined locations by NAVOCEANO glider pilots based at Stennis Space Center in southern Mississippi. The military and civilian pilots manning the command's Glider Operations Center use satellite communications to direct the vehicles while monitoring data collection and glider performance 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
The temperature and salinity profiles the gliders collect within the water column are assimilated into ocean models that provide underwater forecasts, similar

to the way atmospheric models are used to provide weather forecasts. These forecasts are imperative to a wide range of naval operations and have numerous applications, from diver safety to detection of submarines to hurricane prediction.
NAVOCEANO has been operating gliders for decades, and is now home of the world's largest fleet of these vehicles, which have been launched from an array of vessels operated by the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as well as universities. With average missions spanning several months, LBS gliders collect thousands of environmental data profiles across the globe each year at a fraction of the cost of ship-collected data.
NAVOCEANO, comprised of approximately 700 military, civilian and contractor personnel, uses a variety of platform including ships, aircraft, satellite sensors, buoys and unmanned underwater vehicles to collect oceanographic and hydrographic data from the world's oceans. U.S. Navy commands at Stennis Space Center contribute approximately \$207 million to the region within a 50-mile radius of the center.

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the decision to make finding a home part of the program.
A storage room in the Depot building, owned by the city, is located just beneath the museum and has been used as storage since Hurricane Katrina made it's destructive landfall, Falgout said. The Hancock County Tourism and Development Bureau along with the city has been using the space to store items used throughout the city such as Christmas decorations, Mardi Gras costumes and more, he said.

"This area known as the kitchen area in the Depot has been dilapidated and unused for awhile now," Falgout said. "It's filthy and has suffered severe termite infestation. We are willing to clean it out, help restore it and bring it back alive, turning it into a classroom-type setting."
The museum has partnered with M.A.P. (Music, Arts & Practicality), another program dedicated to help keeping the arts alive. The two will share the office space in order to obtain future art grants, Falgout said.
"We got the backing of Mrs. Myrna (Green, the Hancock County Tourism Bureau director) who's currently using the room for storage space," Falgout said. "The area will be decorated by the children with a variety of scenery, such as items that will be used in our most recent production and the kids will be taught art not only when the program begins, but before while re-building this historic space."
Children who register for the program will assist in the decorating of the teaching area and then showcase their art work, he said. Volunteers will staff the class and the cost

of supplies will be donated.
"The entire building will be about learning now," Falgout said. "Everyone wins in this situation. We help city and taxpayers save money, get a suitable storage space to house the items currently being stored, and the kids get a classroom they can call their own."

Registration for the new program will begin in January, Falgout said, and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre said he was supportive of the program last Tuesday; however, he asked city councilmen to give the city and the tourism bureau time to find an alternate storage

spot.
Council President Gene Hoffman offered to donate a large storage room he personally owned that is ready and available for the city's use.
The Bay St Louis City Council voted 6-1 in favor of the more than \$4,500 annual lease. Ward 6 Councilman Josh DeSalvo voted against the measure, saying he was in favor for the program but was against the item not properly being placed on last Tuesday night's city council agenda.

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'Queens of the Court' make their 2018 debut

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STAFF WRITER

It is hard to believe that another school year is upon us and with that another year of athletics. The first group out of the gate is always volleyball and the 'Queens of the Court' are set to return to action on August 7th when the season officially begins.

The area has been home to outstanding volleyball since the turn of the millennium back in 2000. All three high schools in Hancock County have claimed at least one state championship in the sport. Bay High nabbed their title in 2004 while Hancock has claimed two titles in 2010 and 2016. But, Our Lady Academy has brought home 12 state titles in the sport including the last six consecutive Class I trophies. The Crescents won titles in 2002-03, 2006-09 and 2012-17.

Each team graduated familiar faces that captivated us with their passing, serving and hitting these last few seasons. So, as a new day dawns in Hancock County volleyball, we take a look at what the future holds for the squads.

The Bay High Lady Tigers are coming off a 6-17 year in 2017 as they missed out on the Class II state playoffs.

The Lady Tigers graduated just one senior from a year ago in T'mea Booth but they also lost another integral player in Yaya Singleton. She will not be able to play this year due to ongoing treatment of a medical condition. However, even though she cannot compete the Lady Tiger coaching staff said

that Singleton is working with younger players and helping them develop.

Former Tiger standout Kellie Smith returns an eager squad that includes Andy Franklin, Rhea Lymuel, Brandy Hust, Blake Lumpkin, Lizzie Weems, Dominique Cole, Jady Sheppard and Olivia Signaigo.

Sheppard takes over at lebaro for the Lady Tigers and brings speed to the position. Cole and Lumpkin have settled into the setter position while Weems has become a consistent power hitter on the outside along with Hust. Franklin, Lymuel and Signaigo all have improved their skill level and will be counted on at various positions.

Smith commented, "We played in a jamboree last week in Gulfport and performed very well. The girls are getting more comfortable with each other. We attended a camp at USM over the summer that aided us in improving our skill level. We are really looking forward to getting this year started."

The Hancock Lady Hawks advanced to the Class III Final Four at Mississippi State University in 2017 before falling to DeSoto Central in five sets. The Lady Hawks ended 2017 with a 26-8 record

Hancock graduate six seniors from last year's team and five of those six are now playing college volleyball.

Four Lady Hawks - Madison Ladner, Amanda Kay Shubert, Karrington Perkins, and Destiny Hariel - now suit up for Coastal Alabama Community College.

Madison Ladner was a

two-time All-American for the Lady Hawks, the only one in program history.

Catie Ladner also graduated and is now playing for the University of North Alabama while Whitney Eakins also was lost to graduation.

Hancock head coach Rick Rechtiem stated, "A tremendous amount of experience walked off the court with graduation last year. However, we have had a fantastic summer. There has been a lot of excitement with this group. We have varying levels of experience returning this year and the biggest hurdle is getting this group working together as a team."

Bella Thoennes, Maleah Austin, Chloe Swilley, Harleigh Lafontaine and Lyric Johnson all return this year. Thoennes brings the most experience back as a hitter while Austin also brings the spike action. Swilley is a returning letter winner in the middle while Lafontaine has settled nicely at setter. Johnson is a hybrid at setter and hitter and Reagan Huff will be depended upon in the middle.

Emma Dau, Jena Stallings, Haley Kelley, Maesyn Cuevas and Kacey Lear will figure into the mix, as well.

Rechtiem added, "This group has worked really hard and has adopted a team motto of #RiseUp. Yes, we lost a lot of big hitters but this group is determined to prove all the naysayers wrong this year. They are excited to get it started."

Rick Rechtiem will be assisted on the varsity by his sons Morgan and Jesse. Amanda Cloy has moved down to coach the middle school teams.

The Our Lady Academy

Crescents are coming off a state championship for the sixth time in a row and the 12th time since 2002. But, it is also the first time in four years that OLA will not send out the MaxPreps National Player of the Year in Emma Funk.

Funk, a three-time All-American who was named MaxPreps Player of the Year in 2017, has taken her game to Trinity University.

Funk left OLA as the career leader in kills. The Crescents also lost their career leader in assists, Hannah Gest, to graduation.

OLA head coach Mike Meyers stated that returning seniors Lizzy Mirandy and Margaret Spencer White return to lead the Crescents along with the tallest player in OLA volleyball history, Rebecca Walk, who stands 6'1" and has verbally committed to play for the University of South Alabama.

Joining the trio of starters are juniors Kate Montjoy and Alma Hearin, sophomores Chloe Cornell, Camille Cottone, Kate Funk, Faith Anderson and freshman Ashley Bulot.

The Crescents ended 2017 with a 34-4 overall record after sweeping Resurrection 3-0.

OLA's 12 volleyball state titles are the most in Mississippi history in the sport.

OLA will be hosting a preseason jamboree on

Saturday, August 4th at 9am. Joining OLA at the jamboree are Class III state semifinalists Lewisburg and Hancock, along with Class II state champion Vancleave and 6A powers Ocean Springs and Oak Grove. Each team will play one set against each of the other teams.

Bay High opens their season on the road on Tuesday, August 7th against d'Iberville before coming back home on

Thursday, August 9th against Gulfport. Hancock hosts Vancleave on Tuesday and then travels to Clinton on Thursday before taking part in the Set It Off tournament in Ridgeland on August 10th. The Crescents host Ocean Springs to open their season on August 7th before traveling to the Set It Off tourney on August 10th. See you at the games!



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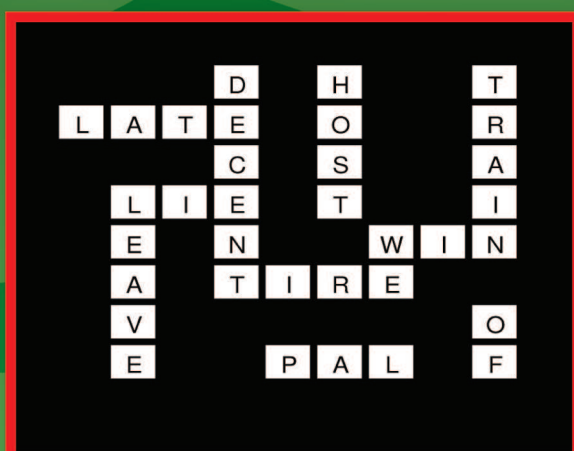


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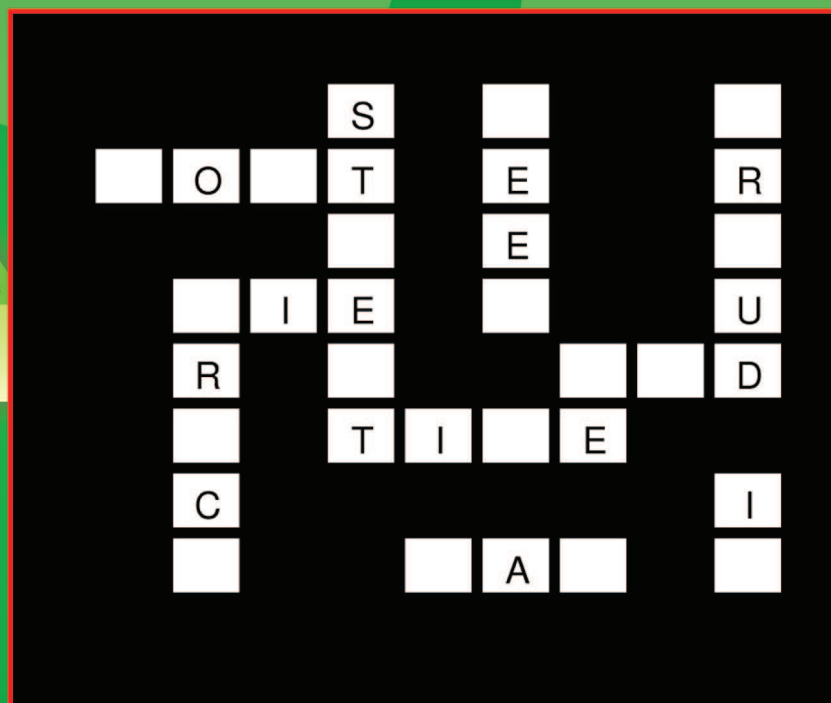
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HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT: READY TO KICK-OFF NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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Anticipation and excitement is in the air as we prepare for the opening of a new school year in Hancock County School District on August 7th. Students MUST be registered before they can be assigned teachers and classes. Below is a list of opening events and important information for parents and guardians:

- Meet the Teacher (Elementary Schools)**
- East Hancock Elementary
AUGUST 3RD
8:00AM-10AM
 - Hancock North Central Elementary
August 3rd
3:30PM – 5:30PM
 - South Hancock Elementary
August 3rd
2:00PM-4:00PM
 - West Hancock Elementary
August 3rd
2:00PM-4:00PM
 - Hancock Middle School
HMS 6th Gr. Orientation
August 2nd
Session 1 8:30-9:30AM
(Parents only attend one session)
 - Session 2 9:30-10:30AM
 - HMS Open House
(7th & 8th grade)
August 2nd
2:00PM-4:00PM
 - Hancock High School
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August 30th
5:00PM-7:00PM

Students MUST be registered before they can be assigned teachers and classes. Students must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2018 to start kindergarten. New students to the school district should report to the appropriate school to register. Returning students received information on how to re-register on-line prior to the end of school.



Instructions are available on our website www.hancockschools.net. Parents must have a student specific code to access the on-line registration for your child.

Codes may be obtained by calling the schools if lost. Proof of residency may be scanned in or presented to the school office prior to the start of school for registration to be complete. Anyone with missing information is encouraged to complete registration so that the student can be assigned to a classroom or given a schedule. Information is available at www.hancockschools.net. School contact numbers are as follows:

- East Hancock Elementary 255-6637
- Hancock North Central Elementary 255-7641
- South Hancock Elementary 467-4655
- West Hancock Elementary 586-6054
- Hancock Middle School 467-1889
- Hancock High School 467-2251

You must be the custodial parent to register a student (you must provide court papers if you are divorced).

If the student does not reside with the biological parents, you must have Guardianship Papers. Information required: birth certificate, Immunization Compliance MS Form 121, and your Proofs of

Residency. All forms of proof of residency must show physical address and be current. Proof of residency may include:

- *Homestead Exemption Application;
- certified home ownership or mortgage documents, certified rental agreement/ apartment lease and two of the following:
- Current Utility bill,
- Current Mississippi Driver's License
- Voter precinct identification
- Current Automobile Insurance Registration
- Any other documentation that will objectively and unequivocally establish that the parent resides within the school district

If you have any questions, please call the school.

The 2018-2019 School Lunch applications are now available online or a paper form is available at the school office. Please note that a new lunch application is required each year.

If you have any questions about school lunch applications, please call the Hancock County Child Nutrition Office at 228-255-0344.

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The public library can provide access to the internet to print order forms for Mississippi Vital Records.

BAY-WAVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT STARTS NEW YEAR

SEA COAST ECHO

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. - Bay-Waveland School District reminds parents and guardians of several important dates for the new school year:

Kindergarten night for Waveland Elementary will be Aug. 1 from 4-6 p.m. at WES.

Also on Aug. 1 will be open house for 9th-12th students and 9th grade orientation at Bay High School beginning with a short presentation in the auditorium at 5 p.m., followed by schedule distribution and tours.

Open house for North Bay Elementary will be



Aug. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. for all grades.

Waveland Elementary School's open house for 1st and 2nd grade will be Aug. 6 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Bay-Waveland Middle School 6th grade orientation will be Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. A school-wide open house will be held in

September.

The first day of school will be Aug. 7. Following are school hours for 2018-2019: Waveland Elementary - 7:55 a.m.-3:15 p.m. (drop off begins 7:25 a.m.)

North Bay Elementary - 8:05 a.m.-3:25 p.m. (drop off begins 7:25 a.m.)

Bay-Waveland Middle School - 7:32 a.m. -2:45 p.m.(drop off begins 7 a.m.)

Bay High School - 7:27 a.m.-2:40 p.m. (drop off begins 6:55 a.m.)

MDOT STRESSES BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

SEA COAST ECHO

It is hard to believe, but school is almost back in session. The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) encourages everyone to make safety their top priority, especially in school zones.

Drivers can keep themselves and others safe by taking proper precautions, leaving earlier and avoiding distractions.

"Be alert in school zones and near school buses to keep Mississippi students safe," said Melinda McGrath, P.E., MDOT Executive Director. "An accident can occur quickly if drivers are not cautious."

During drop off and pick up times, schools can be busy with traffic. If possible, carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school. Use designated areas to avoid loading or unloading children across the

street from their school.

Buses help move a large number of students. If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop paddle is extended, traffic must stop to allow children to safely cross the street. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children because visibility can be reduced. Stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.

"Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction if you're on a two-lane road. Traffic should be completely stopped so children can safely cross the street," McGrath said.

Motorist should also remember to share the road with pedestrians and bikers. Always yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections, especially when flashers are blinking in a school zone. For bikers, motorists should only allow at least three feet of space when passing. Pedestrians and bikers

can do their part to safely arrive at school by being predictable and not making sudden movements around traffic. Pedestrians should use sidewalks and pay attention to traffic signs. Bikers should always ride in the same direction as traffic and wear appropriate safety gear.

"There are many ways to get to school," McGrath said. "When people travel with caution and care, everyone can reach their destinations safely."

Children learn from their parents and peers. Setting a good example and practicing safety can help create a positive transportation environment.

For more information about school zone safety and to download a free coloring book for children, visit www.GoMDOT.com/safetyeducation. Follow and like @MississippiDOT on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook for more back to school safety tips.

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Locals participate in mission trip to Belize



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Bay St. Louis, Miss. — Six local volunteers were part of a recent mission to Belize, Central America, the Dos Amigos Dental / Medical Mission, which marked its 30th annual trip to the Toledo District this spring.

The 24-member team helped treat over 1200 people in remote jungle villages in Belize, providing free and vital care to those who otherwise would be unable to attain it due to finances, transportation and other obstacles. This year's team included three dentists, two doctors and four nurses, as well as other volunteers. Medicines and supplies are purchased each year mainly through Blessings International, a global non-profit that provides help for mission teams.

Throughout the year, Dos Amigos collects toothbrushes, flip flops, reading glasses, sunglasses and more to distribute to the Belizeans. This year, the team raised funds to also bring The Shoes That

Grow, a specially designed shoe that expands up to 5 sizes for growing children. These were given to children in some of the more remote villages visited this year. Local donors, including the Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis and Main Street United Methodist Church, as well as individuals, help keep the outreach going for this long-standing mission effort.

Started in 1989, Dos Amigos is led by Slidell, LA dentist Dr. Joe Lindsay (retired) and orthodontist Dr. Mike Guevara. Nearly 500 team members have traveled to Belize over the three decades of service, including not only medical and dental professionals, but teachers, attorneys, teenagers, engineers and other volunteers. The 2018 team members from the Mississippi Gulf Coast area included Jenny Bell (Bay St. Louis), Pauline Conaway (Diamondhead), Martha Harper (Gulfport), Anna and Teresa Lambert (Picayune), and Ann Weaver (Bay St. Louis).

All team members pay for their own travel expenses and plans are developing



Bay St. Louis resident Jenny Bell helps a Belizean boy with his new shoes. Bell was part of the 2018 Dos Amigos team, marking her eighth trip with the mission. The team had raised funds to provide special Shoes That Grow to children in several villages.

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Dos Amigos founder Dr. Joe Lindsay is helped by Teresa Lambert of Picayune. Teresa and her daughter Anna traveled with the team for the first time this past spring.



Martha Harper, a Gulfport resident who has joined the team the past two years, talks to a father and his child during a clinic day in Belize.



Dental team members from the Dos Amigos Mission show the Septodont banners, a dental supply sponsor for the past several years. Pictured left to right are Diamondhead resident Pauline Conaway, Drs Mike Guevara and Ed Massett (Slidell), Bay St. Louis volunteer Ann Weaver and Anna Lambert of Picayune.



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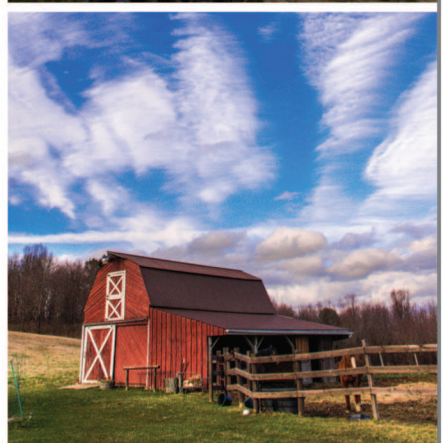


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Silver Slipper – Employee of the Month Luncheon



Nominees with John Ferrucci, GM, from left to right are: Tina Fountain, EVS; Dylan Moore, Palm Court; Bernardine Labat, Asst Cage/Credit Manager; Evette Necaise, Hotel; Courtney Tanguis, Retail; Sally Hinchey, Count Team Supervisor; Stefanie Jones, Player Services; and Jeff Haynes, Transportation Shift Supervisor.



June 2018 Supervisor/Manager of the Month is Jeff Haynes, Transportation Shift Supervisor.

SEA COAST ECHO

Silver Slipper Casino recognized its June 2018 Employee and Supervisor/Manager of the Month Nominees and announced the winners at a luncheon in their honor at the Blue Bayou Bar & Grill on July 19, 2018. Nominees are: Tina Fountain, EVS; Dylan Moore, Palm Court; Bernardine Labat, Asst Cage/Credit Manager; Evette Necaise, Hotel; Courtney Tanguis, Retail; Sally Hinchey, Count Team Supervisor; Stefanie Jones, Player Services; and Jeff Haynes, Transportation Shift Supervisor.

June 2018 Employees of the Month are: Courtney Tanguis and

Stefanie Jones.

June 2018 Supervisor/Manager of the Month is Jeff Haynes, Transportation Shift Supervisor.

Courtney goes above and beyond her job duties including catching thieves and observing customer behaviors to improve her service. Courtney put an item on the side for a guest she thought would like it. The guest loved it and was appreciative of the extra service that was provided.

Stefanie has a bubbly personality and her enthusiasm is contagious; everyone loves to be around Stefanie. Her customer service skills and performance are excellent.

Jeff comes to work with a smile on his face and is polite to everyone. These

traits impact his team and guests in a positive way. Jeff's perfect attendance for the past four years shows his dedication to the Silver Slipper and he team.

Congratulations to the Silver Slipper June 2018 Employees of the Month and Supervisor/Manager of the Month!

Nominees and winners each received gifts and prizes including cash and gift certificates.



June 2018 Employees of the Month from left to right are: Courtney Tanguis and Stefanie Jones.

Retrofit's Fun Day in the Park Set for Sunday, August 5th

SEA COAST ECHO

This year Retrofit Community Service Club has partnered with Korp Next Generation to host their "Annual Fun Day in the Park." The event will be held on Sunday, August 5, 2018, from 3 pm until 6 pm at Martin Luther King Park, Bay St. Louis.

The organizations invite children of all ages to come out and enjoy a great time before school begins. Food, beverages, games, water slides, coloring con-

test, prizes, and much more will be provided for the children. Fun Day has become a huge event in the community. Attendance of the children grows each year, and we're looking forward to a great time this year. Everything is free!

If you would like to sponsor a booth or would like to make a donation, please contact Sandra Price, 228-493-3822 or Kimberly Bradley, 228-760-5660 for further information.

Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers

SEA COAST ECHO

Join us for our first Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers county meeting on Thursday, August 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hancock County Extension Office.

The mission of Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers, Inc. (MHV) is to strengthen families through education and community involvement.

Anyone interested in improving family and community life in Hancock County should attend this meeting to ensure the future is better and stronger than ever before!

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PRCC’s Summer Bridge Students Honored

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POPLARVILLE – Thursday, June 26 Pearl River Community College’s Student Support Services Summer Bridge Program held their Student Recognition Banquet. Eighteen students were recognized for finishing the Summer Bridge Program curriculum. This is a four week intensive program that allows for students to transition from high school to college and get an early start on their education. These students will begin their fall semester having already completed 9 credit hours of courses. Georgia Field, Director of Student Support Services, congratulated the students on their achievement and hard work over the summer and impressed upon them the importance of staying connected to Student Support Services and continuing to reach out

to the office for continued support. “We aren’t done with you and I hope you aren’t done with us,” Field said. Maghan James, Assistant Vice President of Student Services, spoke to the students about the importance of the program they just completed and congratulated them on getting a jump start on college. Georgia Field, Cindy Morris, Administrative Assistant/Peer Tutor Coordinator; and Lauren Baker, Academic Success Coach/Peer Tutor/Coach Supervisor, presented each student with a certificate of completion and recognized them for their perseverance. Instructors Lois McDonald and Sylvia Martinez were also recognized for their commitment to the program and their students. Special awards were given for outstanding performance throughout the semester. Best Hashtag

Photographer was awarded to Sciana Lavergne. The Basic Communication Skills award was presented to Savannah Kennedy. Zoey Warren received the Basic Computation Skills award. The Community College Survival Skills award was given to Amanda Powe and Jason Foster received the Overall Student award. In addition to those receiving awards, class members are Derrian Bradley, Waveland; Bryonn Bramlett, Monticello; Taylor Copleand, Carriere; Kelly Dutruch, Bogalusa; Millenium “Mia” Earl, Hattiesburg; Kee’Von Fells, Lumberton; Jason “Gage” Foster, Hattiesburg; A’Niya John, Poplarville; Sciana Lavergne, Long Beach; LaBritney Magee, Osyka; Brooklyne McNeely, Perkinson; Aloysius Neff III, Picayune; Amanda Powe, Carriere; Darius Roscoe, Gulfport; Jerricka

Smith, Saucier; Zoey Warren, Carriere; and Alicia Watts, Hattiesburg. In closing, former student, Austin Warner, spoke about his obstacles and successes while at PRCC and gave encouragement to the group. Austin will be attending Mississippi State University in the fall. The main criteria for Student Support Services is the need for academic support based on ACT scores, grade point average in high school, graduation

from an Adult Basic Education Program, being a non-traditional student who has been out of school for more than five years or having a disability. Participants must also meet at least one of the following: low-income, neither parent has graduated from a four-year college with a degree or disabled. Applicants must complete two steps - be accepted by PRCC admissions and then mail or fax a completed Summer Bridge

Program (START) application to Lauren Baker, Summer Bridge Program Coordinator, Student Support Services, Pearl River Community College, P.O. Box 5118, Poplarville, MS 39470 or fax the application to 601-403-1042. For more information about this program, contact Cindy Tanguis at 601-403-1285.



PRCC Public Relations photo

Sciana Lavergne accepts the “Best Hashtag Photographer” award presented by Georgia Field, Director of Student Support Services and Lauren Baker, Academic Success Coach/Peer Tutor/Coach Supervisor.

PRCC Honors Institute Students Welcomed



PRCC Public Relations photo

Dr. Jennifer Seal, Vice President for Planning and Institutional Research/Dean of Honors Institute (Poplarville), welcoming the new Fall 2018 Dr. William Lewis Honors Institute.

SEA COAST ECHO

POPLARVILLE – Monday, June 30 Pearl River Community College’s Dr. William Lewis Honors Institute held an orientation session for new members. Dr. Jennifer Seal, Vice President for Planning and Institutional Research/Dean of Honors Institute (Poplarville), welcomed the new students and explained just a few of the opportunities available to them through the institute. Dr. Seal stressed the importance of how they would learn to become a better studier, how to better give back to the community, and have a group of close connected individuals to count on throughout the semester. Dr. Seal also informed the students that motivational speaker, Brian Holloway, and Dr. Noah Feldman, Harvard Law professor, would be visiting the college to speak with them. PRCC President, Dr. Adam Breerwood, also welcomed the new students and encouraged them to take advantage of all the honors institute could offer them. “You are the face of our college,” said Dr. Breerwood.

“Your future begins today and we understand our responsibility to develop you socially, morally and ethically.” Various PRCC faculty, staff, and former honor students spoke about the departments, resources, and opportunities available to them throughout the year. “Excitement is building for honors students as we move toward the Fall semester. The honors students are highly motivated to which the Dr. William Lewis Honors Institute provides the opportunity to work closely with instruc-

tors and other motivated students in advanced levels of critical thinking, analysis, research, writing, and communication,” said Dr. Seal. “Supporting an intentional community of diverse and engaged students, the Honors Institute fosters an atmosphere of creativity, interdisciplinary conversation, intellectual engagement, and collegiality.” PRCC looks welcomes these new honors students and looks forward to the difference they make on the campus.

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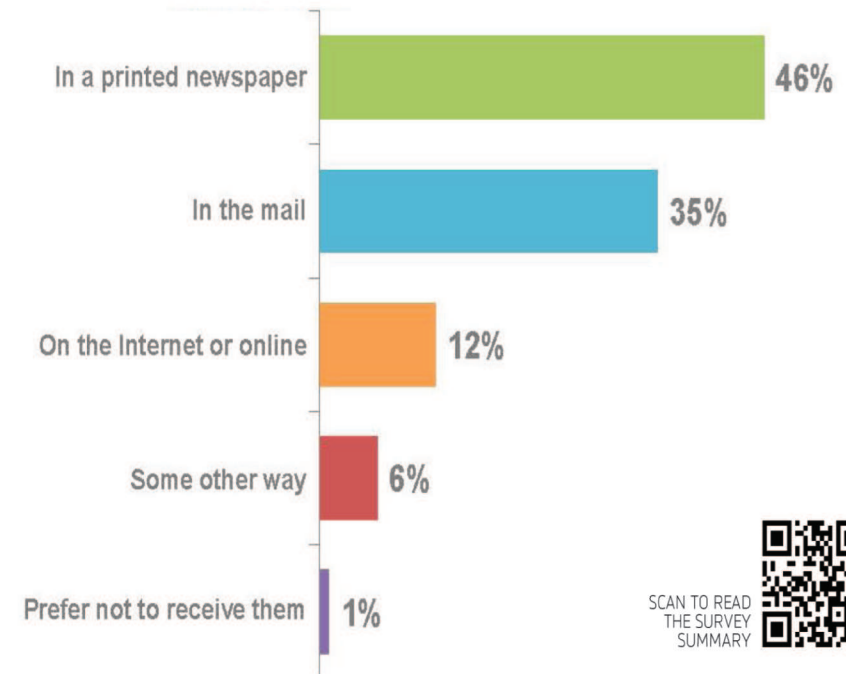
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RAYMOND, Miss. -- Safety concerns can put the brakes on driving for senior adults, but families with a transportation plan can help their loved ones maintain happy and healthy lifestyles.

"While seniors may not be able or willing to drive, they still need access to transportation for medical appointments, social engagements and trips to the grocery," said Brooke Knight, Mississippi State University Extension Service agent in Jones County. "Having transportation keeps them connected to people and activities they know and enjoy. These connections are beneficial for their mental, physical and emotional well-being."

In many parts of Mississippi, public transportation is limited or non-existent, so it is important for seniors to have a plan for getting around when they stop driving.

Many times, family members will take turns getting their loved one to their desired locations. Other times, seniors have friends who still drive, and they can carpool with them.

Two or more friends often plan regular trips to the local grocery store and

other necessary places, Knight said.

"In some larger cities, there are local transportation companies that can be useful," she said. "In Laurel, we have DJ Transit, which runs buses and accessible vans for patrons of all physical abilities to pay a small fee to ride. They operate on-demand and scheduled services."

David Buys, Extension health specialist, said that although technology-based transportation services, such as Uber and Lyft, are beginning to become available in smaller communities, trips are often expensive, especially if someone needs to travel a great distance.

"One sad thing we sometimes see is family members charging other family members for trips to the doctor or grocery store," Buys said. "It is understandable to ask folks we're helping to cover the costs of the trip, but it is not usually acceptable to charge them unreasonable fees for assistance. So, it's important for us to find better ways at the community level to help with transportation barriers."

When it makes sense, citizens should advocate for policies that support public transportation. Individuals who see a need can think about organizing services through private or nonprofit entities, Buys said.

"Many churches have vans that they use for group trips for youth or older adults, but they may otherwise sit unused," he said. "Perhaps faith communities with these kinds of assets can work together to provide transportation on an occasional basis. Also, individuals can offer transportation informally, organizing trips to health care providers or other places seniors need to routinely visit."

If individuals or groups are interested in organizing a system for regular transportation in the community, Knight suggests visiting places where seniors frequently go – such as medical offices, grocery stores, and community centers – to find out what transportation issues they have encountered.

"Ask them what needs are not being met for their patients and patrons. See how people are currently getting to their appointments, to classes or to stores," Knight said. "Really target the needs of the community so you can meet needs and not just perform a taxi service. Once you know what is needed, you can recruit volunteers through churches, service organizations, junior auxiliary groups, local community leaders and others."

The local Extension office is a good place to start to get assistance and support.

The AARP recommends watching for the following signs that indicate older adults should stop or limit driving:

- Delayed response to unexpected situations.
- Becoming easily distracted while driving.
- Experiencing a decrease in confidence while driving.
- Having difficulty maneuvering lanes or maintaining the correct lane of traffic.
- Hitting curbs when making right turns or backing up.
- Getting scrapes or dents on the car, garage or mailbox.
- Having frequent close calls.
- Driving too fast or too slow for road conditions.

When it is time to discuss stopping or limiting driving, the AARP and the National Institutes of Health give the following tips:

- Prepare for the conversation. Be prepared to discuss alternative transportation and devise a plan together.
- Try to avoid confrontation. Instead of "you" messages, use "I" messages. Say, "I am concerned about your safety," instead of, "You are not a safe driver."
- Stay on point. Don't discuss their age. Focus on safety and how to help them maintain their independence.
- Be positive and supportive. Giving up driving can be emotional.
- Approach the conversation with a sibling or another trusted loved one.
- Involve a health care provider who can reinforce the idea that driving may no longer be safe for an individual who is reluctant to give up his or her keys.

Buys said AARP's free, online seminar, "We Need to Talk," can help families prepare for the conversation. Watch it at <https://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/we-need-to-talk/>.

This information was gathered by David Buys from AARP's website at www.aarp.org and the National Institutes of Health website at <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/older-drivers>.

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the 28th day of June, A.D., 2012, WILLIAM J. PHILLIPS AND LINDA A. PHILLIPS, husband and wife, executed a certain Deed of Trust unto J. WARD CONVILLO, Trustee, GRAND BANK FOR SAVINGS, FSB, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 2012 at Page 13190;

WHEREAS, on the 28th day of July, A.D., 2017, the parties executed an Extension and Modification of Balloon Note and Deed of Trust, said instrument is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 2017 at Page 16721;

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of a portion of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust having declared all of the amount due and having requested this sale for the purpose of paying said indebtedness or as much thereof as said sale brings;

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH CLINTON WOOTON, JR. (DECEASED)

CHANCE MICHAEL WOOTON, PLAINTIFF VERSUS UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RALPH CLINTON WOOTON, JR. (DECEASED), DEFENDANTS

CAUSE NO. 23CH1-18-cv-393-CB SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF RALPH CLINTON WOOTON, JR. (DECEASED), if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same; and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same

You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in the Court by Plaintiff, CHANCE MICHAEL WOOTON, in his Petition for Determination of Heirship seeking to have the Court establish the heirs-at-law of RALPH CLINTON WOOTON, JR. (DECEASED) and seeking to adjudicate THAT the sole and only heirs-at-law of RALPH CLINTON WOOTON, JR. are CHANCE MICHAEL WOOTON, KYLE PATRICK WOOTON and FAITH ELIZABETH WOOTON.

IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable Carter Bice of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to be held at the First Judicial District of Harrison County Courthouse on the 27th day of August, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in Gulfport, Mississippi, next, then and there to show cause, if any they can, why CHANCE MICHAEL WOOTON, KYLE PATRICK WOOTON and FAITH ELIZABETH WOOTON should not be declared to be the sole heirs-at-law of RALPH CLINTON WOOTON, JR. (DECEASED), according to law.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action on the date and time as set forth herein above before the Honorable Carter Bice at the First Judicial District of Harrison County Courthouse in Gulfport, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading under my hand and seal of said Court, this 13th day of July, 2018.

(SEAL)

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE THE ESTATE OF: HAROLD ANDREW PILIE, JR., DECEASED BY: KATHLEEN FRISCHHERTZ PILIE, EXECUTRIX

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1-18-CV-423-SS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN ISSUED BY THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE 3RD DAY OF JULY, 2018, TO THE UNDERSIGNED AS EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD ANDREW PILIE, JR., DECEASED, IN THE ABOVE STYLED AND NUMBERED CAUSE, IN SAID COURT, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HAROLD ANDREW PILIE, JR., DECEASED, TO HAVE THE SAME PROBATED AND REGISTERED BY THE CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION HEREOF, AND THAT FAILURE TO PROBATE AND REGISTER ANY SUCH CLAIM WITHIN SAID NINETY (90) DAY PERIOD WILL FOREVER BAR THE SAME.

THIS, THE 6TH DAY OF JULY, 2018, /S/ KATHLEEN FRISCHHERTZ PILIE, KATHLEEN FRISCHHERTZ PILIE, EXECUTRIX

PRESTON J. MAUFFRAY (MSB #101131) ATTORNEY AT LAW, PLLC P.O. BOX 4272 BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39521 TELEPHONE: (228) 216-6124 FACSIMILE: (866) 216-6124 07/18; 07/25; 08/01/18

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In order to perform public work, the successful proposer shall, as applicable, hold or obtain such Contractor's and business licenses as required by state statutes.

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The right is reserved to waive any informalities in proposal and to reject all proposals or any proposal not conforming to the intent and purpose of the specifications, and to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time that shall not extend beyond 90 days from the proposal submission date. Dated this 28th day of July, 2018.

CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS

By: MICHAEL FAVRE MAYOR 07/28; 08/01/18

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: ESTATE OF ARMAND GERARD JONTE, DECEASED CASE NO. 23CH1-18-CV-388-CB ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF JULY, 2018, BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF ARMAND GERARD JONTE, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT THE SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTERED ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THIS DATE, OR THEY WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

MARY SCOT JONTE, ADMINISTRATRIX

CAROLINE E. HAAS

HAAS & HAAS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW 201 NORTH SECOND STREET BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520 PHONE (228) 467-6574 FAX (228) 467-6575 MS BAR NO. 104525 07/18; 07/25; 08/01/18

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORA WILLIAMS, DECEASED FELICIA WILLIAMS BUTLER, PETITIONER NO. 2018-408 JP EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 91-7-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972

I, FELICIA WILLIAMS BUTLER, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF NORA WILLIAMS, DECEASED, CAUSE NO. 2018-408 JP, CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, GIVE THE FOLLOWING NOTICE: THAT THE ESTATE OF NORA WILLIAMS WAS OPENED ON THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018, AND LETTERS TESTAMENTARY WERE ISSUED ON THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2018. YOUR EXECUTRIX IS NOW ISSUING HER NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND FAILURE TO HAVE YOUR CLAIM PROBATED AND REGISTERED BY THE CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE TO CREDITORS WILL BAR YOUR CLAIM.

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S/B: FELICIA WILLIAMS BUTLER

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Rachel Dangermond and her son, Constantin “Tin” bring fresh, expansive vision to historic Bay St. Louis, Mississippi blues hall



The 100 Men Hall.

As of July 2018, the beloved 100 Men Hall is under new ownership. Rachel Dangermond and her son Tin (the new owners) are bringing the Hall into the future. Dangermond, a writer and facilitator working in New Orleans, was drawn to the 100 Men Hall because of its historic place as an energy center for African-American music and social

history in Bay St. Louis. Dangermond and the 100 Men Hall make a perfect fit since she writes widely about race and parenting. She also facilitated conversations on race and equity for the Mayor's Office in New Orleans. Dangermond plans exciting changes for the Hall but notes that hosting musical events will continue to be its main priority.

Dangermond plans to operate the Hall as a multi-purpose venue serving Bay

St. Louis, the Gulf Coast, and New Orleans. "I'm extremely excited about joining the Bay St. Louis community," she declares. "We are happy to host all events and occasions celebrating life – arrival, departure and everything in between. Want to elevate your event by having it in a unique historic building? Think of our Hall as a place where you can hold an elegant anniversary celebration or celebrate your nuptials with a food truck

wedding.” An important change for the Hall will be the addition of writer workshops and retreats, artists in residency, and pop-ups, community dialogues and youth activities. The Hall is perfectly suited as a listening room, pop-up, rehearsal space, movie set, and creative space.

Built in 1922, the 100 Men Hall was started by 12 African-American men who organized in the late 1800s to provide burials and medical needs for the community. Over the

years, the Hall hosted many blues, rhythm & blues, and jazz acts. Local residents recall performances by Ray Charles, Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, BB King, Chuck Berry, James Brown, Fats Domino, Etta James, Ernie K-Doe, Deacon John, and numerous others. The Hall was an important stop on the historic 'chitlin' circuit' – performance venues where African American musicians played during segregation. The 100 Men Hall is one of the rare historic

blues venues still standing and still operating. The Hall was slated to be demolished in 2005 but Jesse and Kerrie Loya intervened, and through grit and grace restored this historic gem – adding owner's living quarters. The Loyas reopened the Hall in 2010 and continued to uplift its history and purpose until selling to the Dangermonds in 2018.

Coming soon: the Hall Warming Party. Stayed tuned!

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St. Thomas Episcopal Church is pleased to offer a six-week Grief Support Group to our Diamondhead and greater Hancock County Community. The six-week program will begin on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. If you or someone you care about has been dealing with emotional

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find ourselves with others who understand and are willing to hear our pain.

The groups will provide a safe, confidential place to share individual memories, thoughts, and experiences and to begin the process of moving into the next phase of your life.

The Grief Support Group will last for six weeks and will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal

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